

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday February 19, 2015
Time	8:00am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Division of Youth Services, 177 W. Price Ave., SLC
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Gini Highfield, Anthony Johnson, Spencer Larsen, Nindy Le, Van Nguyen, Shirlee Silversmith, Rachael Skidmore, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Chris Crowder, Patrick Garcia, Judge James Michie, Scott Jackson, Brent Platt
Members Absent	Troy Rawlings
Staff	Toni Gray, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen Visitors:
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Spencer Larsen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Gini Highfield made the motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Pat Berckman seconded the motion which passed unanimously . Spencer introduced and welcomed the new DMC coordinator, Toni Gray. Toni comes to us from Workforce Services. Introductions were made around the table.
Agenda Item	DtWT Committee Report (tape 3:30)
Notes	<p>Nindy reported that we received 258 essays for scoring from 10 schools and 15 teachers. All essays were read and scored 4 times by college students. The top 90 essays were sent to the Board for scoring. The top 12 will be mailed to VIP judges by the end of the month. There are 12 out of 14 confirmed VIP judges. The awards luncheon will be on April 24, 2015 at the Viridian Event Center from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Board members are invited and will be asked to volunteer on that day. Nindy will attend the National DTWT Chair's meeting in Las Vegas on Feb. 20 – 22.</p> <p>The Board discussed the reduced number of essays received this year as compared to previous years. The Board suggested surveying the participating teachers about the timing of deadlines for essay submission and how a change of the deadline might be more beneficial to garner more participation.</p>
Agenda Item	DMC Subcommittee Report (tape 18:20)
Notes	Van stated that DMC has been working on pilot training with SROs and school administrators. Two training sessions have been conducted thus far, one with Salt Lake School District and one with Jordan School District. The training with SL school district had eight administrators attend and one SRO. Jordan School District had twelve administrators attend and two SROs. It was great to see that many administrators attending but concerning to see so few SROs. The Jordan School District training did not go as smoothly due to the first pilot training and was attended mostly by administrators. For the training to be effective and beneficial, both parties need to attend. The next training is scheduled for Feb. 25 th and March 4th with Granite School District and is open to all DMC members and any UBJJ Board members interested.
Agenda Item	Grant Request (tape 26:00)
Notes	<p>Spencer noted that the Board has received a request from Salt Lake Division of Youth Services to fund scholarships for the 36th Annual Troubled Youth Conference to be held on May 7 - 8, at Snowbird, Utah. The annual conference brings together Utah licensed mental health professionals and front line staff working with youth and families including caseworkers, educators, probation officers, and residential youth workers from many multiple areas of the state. They are requesting funding in the amount of up to \$4,000.</p> <p>Van Nguyen made the motion to approve funding in the amount of \$4,000 from 2011 Board money. Pam Vickrey seconded the motion which passed unanimously, with Pat Berckman and Gini Highfield abstaining.</p>

	Board members may inform Cuong if they would like to attend the Utah Gang Conference (April 22-23) and/or the Troubled Youth Conference (May 7-8) by March 15, 2015. Registration fee will be paid by the Board account.
Agenda Item	Request to Supreme Court (tape 38:00)
Notes	<p>Pam Vickrey discussed SB167 – Juvenile Offender Amendments. The Bill does the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds a specific list of previous offenses and conditions to the statute that allows for the direct filing of charges in district court; • Adds a new option to the serious youth offender statute; • Creates guidelines for housing a minor convicted in district court in a juvenile secure facility; • Requires that the court determine that a minor is knowingly and intentionally waiving counsel; and • Sets a presumption that juveniles are not to be shackled when appearing in court unless ordered by the court. • Pam focused on the shackling portion of the bill, which is in its second reading today. Legislators may hold it and work with the courts on the shackling language. Shirlee Silversmith suggested that the Board write a Resolution outlining issues and encouraging reform, and have the Board members sign it as well as other involved agencies. The Board suggested that the resolution would be directed to the Board of Juvenile Judges and the Judicial Council to assist the courts with creating a rule which will address best practices and incorporate national research. Pam asked if UBJJ could partner with the National Campaign to End Indiscriminate Shackling to present a letter in conjunction with information from UBJJ. We should get input from the Board as well as CCJJ and Judge Michie. Pam volunteered to prepare a draft.
Agenda Item	Legislative Review (tape 1:21)
Notes	Cuong spoke briefly on SB0164, Access to Health Care Amendments, in which UBJJ has taken a priority position.
Agenda Item	UBJJ's Three-Year Priorities and JJ Specialist's Role (tape 1:15)
Notes	Cuong would like a small working group to work on our top four priorities after the legislative session is over. Cuong will also work with each board member individually to gain input. The Board discussed the idea of creating awareness of UBJJ and what we do so that UBJJ will be a resource for policy making on juvenile justice issues.
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled from 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Thursday, March 19, 2015, Utah State Capitol, East Building, Copper Room.

Minutes prepared by Jo Lynn Kruse – Administrative Assistant